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## for HOME GARDEN VEGETABLES

### in NEBRASKA...



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# **VARIETY and PLANTING GUIDE for HOME GARDEN VEGETABLES in NEBRASKA**

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Following is a list of varieties found to be satisfactory over the state. Other varieties may have done well in certain localities. If you have one that is satisfactory, continue to use it. Perhaps some of the suggested varieties would be superior to your local varieties and hence should be included for trial in future plantings.

A code letter referring to earliest planting is listed for different vegetables. Their tolerance to frost and high temperature is also indicated. Days to maturity are listed for different varieties.

This information and the accompanying maps which show average last spring and first fall freeze dates, lengths of freeze-free season and earliest planting times for different vegetables in different regions of the state may be used as a guide to planting.

Maps coded 'A' through 'E' correspond with the letter codes in the variety list. For example: in southeast Nebraska, lima beans, a crop with very poor frost tolerance, should not be planted before May 9. Carrots, having good frost tolerance could be planted as early as April 4 in the southeast if soil conditions are favorable.

Crops with poor tolerance to high temperature should be planted sufficiently early so that they mature before July. They may also be planted in late summer so they will mature during the cooler fall temperatures. Late plantings of frost sensitive crops should be planted early enough to allow time to mature before fall frost.

Vegetable	Earliest planting Code	Tolerance of		Days to Harvest
		Frost	High Temperature	
<b>Asparagus (Perennial)</b>		Good	Poor	
Mary Washington				
Paradise				
Washington 500				
<b>Beans</b>	<b>Between D-E</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Good</b>	
<b>Bush Green Beans</b>				
Contender . . . . .				48
Top Crop . . . . .				50
Tendergreen . . . . .				52
<b>Bush Wax Beans</b>				
Cherokee Golden wax . . . . .				49
Butterwax . . . . .				53
<b>Pole Beans</b>				
Kentucky Wonder . . . . .				65
<b>Lima Beans</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Very Poor</b>	<b>Good</b>	
Henderson's Bush lima . . . . .				65
Fordhook 242 . . . . .				70
<b>Beets</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Fair</b>	
Ruby Queen . . . . .				57
Detroit Dark Red . . . . .				60
<b>Broccoli (Transplant)</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	
Spartan Early . . . . .				55
Green Sprouting . . . . .				70

Vegetable	Earliest planting Code	Tolerance of		Days to Harvest
		Frost	High Temperature	
<b>Cabbage (Transplant)</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	
Golden Acre YR . . . . .				64
Bonanza . . . . .				70
Wisconsin Hollander . . . . .				110
Red Acre . . . . .				76
Savoy King . . . . .				90
<b>Carrots</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	
Red Core Chantenay . . . . .				70
Imperator . . . . .				75
Oxheart . . . . .				75
<b>Cauliflower (Transplant)</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Poor</b>	
Snowking Hybrid . . . . .				55
Early Snowball . . . . .				60
<b>Chard</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Good</b>	
Lucullus . . . . .				60
Rhubarb Chard . . . . .				60
<b>Cucumbers</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Good</b>	
<b>Pickling</b>				
Spartan Dawn . . . . .				49
SMR 18 . . . . .				56
<b>Slicing</b>				
Burpee Hybrid . . . . .				60
Marketer . . . . .				65
Straight Eight . . . . .				66



Vegetable	Earliest planting Code	Tolerance of		Days to Harvest
		Frost	High Temperature	

<b>Eggplant (Transplant)</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Very Good</b>	
Early Beauty . . . . .				62
Black Beauty . . . . .				73
Jersey King Hybrid . . . . .				75

<b>Kohlrabi (Transplant)</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	
White Vienna . . . . .				55
Purple Vienna . . . . .				60

<b>Lettuce</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Very Good</b>	<b>Poor</b>	
<b>Leaf</b>				
Salad Bowl . . . . .				45
Grand Rapids . . . . .				45
Ruby . . . . .				47

<b>Head</b>				
Bibb . . . . .				57
Buttercrunch . . . . .				60
Pennlake . . . . .				72
Great Lakes . . . . .				75

<b>Muskmelons</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Very Good</b>	
Burpee Hybrid . . . . .				82
Supermarket Hybrid . . . . .				82
Hale's Best 36 . . . . .				85
Schoon's Hard-Shell . . . . .				88



Vegetable	Earliest planting Code	Tolerance of		Days to Harvest
		Frost	High Temperature	

### Hot

Hungarian Wax	.....	68
Fresno Chili	.....	78
Long Red Cayenne	.....	72
Anaheim Chili	.....	80

### Potatoes

B

Medium

Poor

### White

Irish Cobbler  
Kennebec  
Mayfair

### Red

Norland  
Pontiac

New varieties that can be obtained from the Potato Certification Association, Alliance, Nebraska are:

### White

Haig - Early  
Superior - Early  
Norchip - Early  
Hi Plains - Medium Early  
Shurchip - Medium Early  
Platte - Late

### Red

Dazoc - Early  
Red LaSoda - Early  
Sioux - Medium Early  
Bounty - Late



Vegetable	Earliest planting Code	Tolerance of		Days to Harvest
		Frost	High Temperature	
<b>Pumpkin</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Very good</b>	
Small sugar . . . . .				.110
Jack-O-Lantern . . . . .				.110
Striped Cushaw . . . . .				.115
Connecticut Field . . . . .				.115
<b>Radish</b>	<b>Between A-B</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Poor</b>	
Cherry Belle . . . . .				23
Champion . . . . .				28
White Icicle . . . . .				28
<b>Rutabaga</b>	<b>Late July Early Aug.</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Poor</b>	
Purple Top . . . . .				88
<b>Spinach</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Very good</b>	<b>Very poor</b>	
Bloomsdale . . . . .				46
America . . . . .				48
<b>Squash</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Very good</b>	
<b>Summer</b>				
St. Pat. Scallop . . . . .				50
Goldneck . . . . .				50
Seneca Butterbar . . . . .				51
Fordhook Zucchini . . . . .				57
<b>Winter</b>				
Royal Acorn . . . . .				82
Butternut . . . . .				85
Buttercup . . . . .				.105
Green Hubbard . . . . .				.115

Vegetable	Earliest planting Code	Tolerance of		Days to Harvest
		Frost	High Temperature	

Sweet Corn	D	Poor	Good
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Early

Earliking . . . . .	66
Marcross . . . . .	75
Illini Extra-sweet . . . . .	85
lochief . . . . .	89

Sweet Potatoes (Transplant)	E	Very poor	Very good
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Centennial  
Lakan

Tomatoes (Transplant)	Between D-E	Poor	Good
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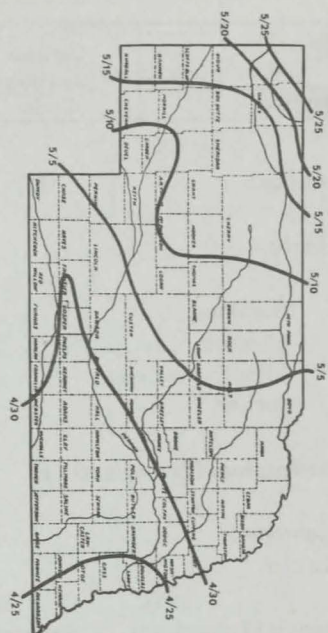
Fireball  
Super Sioux  
Glamour

Turnip	Aug. - Sept.	Good	Fair
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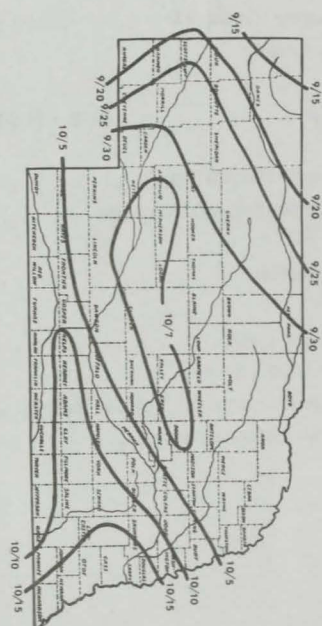
Early Purple-Top . . . . .	45
Purple-top white globe . . . . .	55

Watermelon	E	Very poor	Very good
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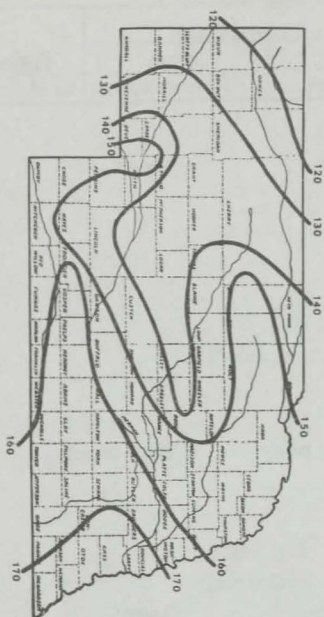
Sugar Baby . . . . .	79
Crimson Sweet . . . . .	90
Black Diamond Yellow Belly . . . . .	90
Charleston Gray . . . . .	90



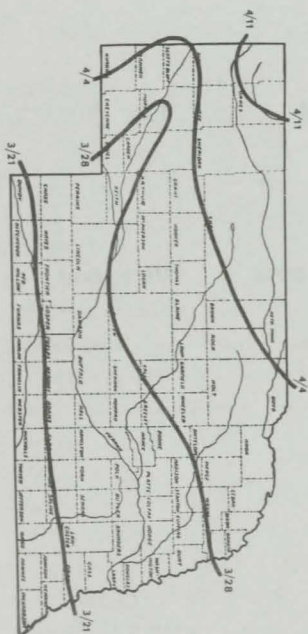
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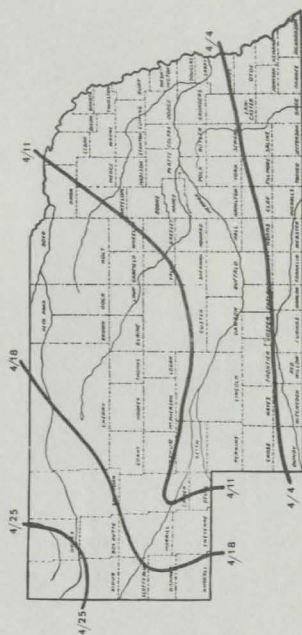
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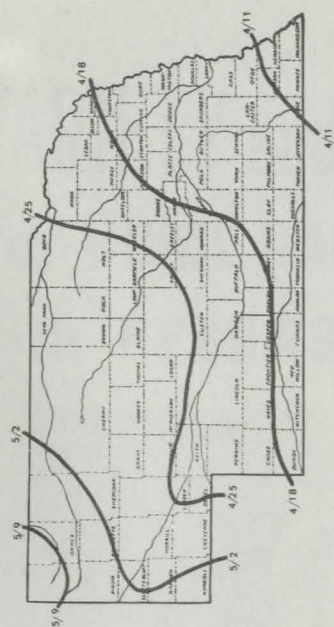
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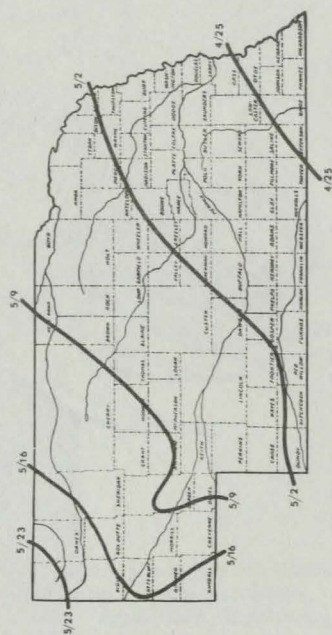
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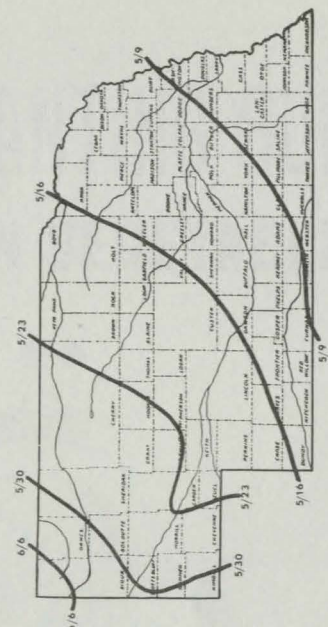
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First planting code C



First planting code D



First planting code E